EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR FUZZY LOGIC AND TECHNOLOGY

EUSFLAT

Minutes of the EUSFLAT General Assembly 2015
Gijón, July 1, 2015

The assembly starts at 18:50, fifty minutes later than as scheduled due to the overall shift in the whole conference programme.

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* Requires a decision

1.- EUSFLAT Board report.

President:	Gabriella PASI, Italy
Vice President:	Bernard DE BAETS, Belgium
Secretary:	Martin ŠTĔPNIČKA, Czech Republic
Treasurer:	Edurne BARRENECHEA, Spain
Societes and conferences:	Javier MONTERO, Spain
Connections with ECSC:	José María ALONSO, Spain
Connections with IJCIS:	Jie LU, Australia
EUSFLAT Magazine:	Humberto BUSTINCE, Spain
Link to European projects:	Vicenc TORRA, Spain
Link to industry:	Rudolf KRUSE, Germany
Recruiting:	Marie-Jeanne LESOT, France
Web Coordination:	Jorge CASILLAS, Spain
Grants:	Brunella GERLA, Italy
Working Groups:	Slawomir ZADROZNY, Poland
Awards:	Eulalia SZMIDT, Poland

EUSFLAT membership stats were reported. The main number – the current number of members – equals to 252 (June 2015). The membership is distributed over 29 countries with leading Spain (118), followed by the Czech Republic (20), France (15), Poland (14) and Italy (12). New initiatives help to keep the membership situation stable.

Gabriella Pasi, the President of EUSFLAT announces, that today Javier Montero, current EUSFLAT Board member and the former EUSFLAT president, has been elected as the new IFSA PRESIDENT (for the period 2017-2019). Congratulations! **Javier Montero** expresses his thanks to the society.

2.- Agreements with Other Associations and Related Conferences

Javier Montero recalls the existing agreements with other associations that provide EUSFLAT members with the benefit of membership fees or conference fees discounts, namely HFA, NAFIPS, NSAIS, RAFSSoftCom, SIGEF, ACIA, SBA, IRSS.

Exhaustive list of supported and endorsed conference is provided as well.

3.- EUSFLAT Grants

Gabriella Pasi provides the society with a short report on student grants. From eight to twelve grants per each year are being awarded as a general society strategy with a support of the EUSFLAT conference in odd years and a support of other conferences in even years. In 2014, the society has assigned 7 grants (2 for LFA, 5 for IPMU). In 2015, there 21 grants planned to be awarded or already awarded (2 awarded to AGOP, 9 awarded to EUSFLAT and 10 planned to be awarded to EUSFLAT Summer School).

The formal rules including the process of an application and instructions for applicants are published on the society web page http://eusflat.org . The rules for conference organizers are being specified as well, the main one that has to be emphasized, is the necessity to offer reduced conference fees to our society members.

The student grant awardees are newly asked to contribute to the Mathware & SC magazine.

4.- EUSFLAT Awards

Gabriella Pasi recalls the existing EUSFLAT awards and the related rules.

Gabriella Pasi announces that the **EUSFLAT Best PhD Thesis Awards 2013** is awarded to:
Miguel Ángel Olivares Méndez for his PhD thesis entitled "Soft-Computing Based Visual Control of Unmanned Vehicles".
The **EUSFLAT Best PhD Thesis Awards 2014** is awarded to:
Tarad Jwaid for his PhD thesis entitled "Semilinear and semiquadratic conjunctive aggregation functions".

Congratulations to the awardees!

The **2015 EUSFLAT Best student paper Award** will be awarded on the upcoming Gala dinner on July 2 to one of the following nominees:
- Laura De Miguel: "Construction of admissible linear orders of pairs of intervals"
- Raúl Pérez-Fernandéz: "Adding feasibility constraints to a ranking rule under a monotonicity constraint"
- Salatiel Ezennaya-Gomez: "Mining Frequent Synchronous Patterns with a Graded Notion of Synchrony".

All details are also published on http://eusflat.org/awards.php

5.- Working Groups

Slawomir Zadrozny provides the society with a report on Working group activities. Firstly, he mentions the main features and goals of a working group, secondly he recalls the most typical activities of working groups.

Furthermore, **Slawomir Zadrozny** provides a review of each working group activity.

Finally, the proposal to establish a new *Working Group on Intuitionistic Fuzzy Sets: Theory, Applications and Related Topics* (IFSTART) is provided.

The new Working Group IFSTART was approved by the vast majority of the Assembly.

6.- Mathware & SC Magazine

Short report on Mathware & SC magazine is provided by **Humberto Bustince**.

Call for contributions, namely scientific reports, summaries of forums, panels, news and calls (PhD thesis, books, comments, events) is emphasized!

Contributions may be submitted via http://eusflat.org/msc or using the editor-in-chief email address bustince@unavarra.es .

7.- IJCIS

Luiz Martínez provides the society with a report on the IJCIS journal and its activities. The number of accepted papers decreased, the impact factor increased (to 0.574 in 2015), which confirms that the recently introduced initiatives and actions were very positive. The number of top publishing countries was presented as well, publications from China dominate, followed by India, Spain and Turkey. Publications "from EUSFLAT" should be increased.

Luiz Martínez announces the new decision about providing authors with the "rolling" publication of the accepted papers, i.e., no more waiting for the assignment of volume and page numbers.

Jie Lu presents the strategy of the journal for the future containing, e.g., rolling publications, awards for outstanding reviewers, outstanding area editors and the highly cited papers. Further, keeping the early rejection policy, speed review process, attracting high quality survey and position papers should be also a part of the strategy for future.

8.- Treasury Reports: 2014 Budget, 2015 Estimated Budget, 2016 Proposed Budget.

Edurne Barrenechea informed about the treasury reports. The main features were as follows.

2014 budget surplus: 2,416.79 EUR
December 31, 2014 account situation: 34,479.60 EUR
2015 expected budget surplus: -3910.88 EUR
2016 proposed budget surplus: -2180.00 EUR
December 31, 2016 proposed account situation: 28,388.72 EUR

The 2014 treasury report, the 2015 estimated budget and finally the 2016 proposed budget were approved by all EUSFLAT members participating on the Assembly.

9.- EUSFLAT Research Centres

Martin Štěpnička, presented a few slides about the Board initiative to establish a new concept of the **EUSFLAT Research Centres – Centres sealed by EUSFLAT**.

The goal of such a concept is to motivate centres to obtain this prestigious label by keeping or improving their scientific quality in the connection with the EUSFLAT scientific focus and with the engagement in the EUSFLAT activities. Detailed information and guidelines will be published soon on the society web-sites.

10.- European Summer School on Fuzzy Logic and Applications

Gabriella Pasi presents the details related to the upcoming EUSFLAT European Summer School on Fuzzy Logic and Applications organized a Lake Como, Italy, in September 7-11, 2015. The duration of the school will be 5 days and the registration fee will include also lunches. A list of recognized scholars, who will contribute as lecturers on the school, was also provided. Gabriella Pasi also named the main features of the school including the possibility to present posters or short presentations on the school in order to use the option of getting a feedback from the lecturers on their current and future research directions. **Gabriella Pasi recalls, that the school aims not only at PhD students, but also at undergraduate students, postdocs and interested professional, everybody is welcome.**

All details may be found on the school web sites: http://sfla.lakecomoschool.org

11.- Board elections

As the Secretary, **Martin Štěpnička** was in charge of the new Board elections. After a short review of the situation, legal issues and the submitted candidature, the members were asked to vote.

List of elected Board (2015-2017) members:
President
Gabriella Pasi
Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca, Italy

Vice-president
Bernard De Baets
Ghent University, Belgium

Secretary
José María Alonso
European Center for Soft Computing, Mieres, Spain

Treasurer
Susana Montes
University of Oviedo, Spain

Additional members:
Eulalia Szmidt
Francisco Javier Montero
Humberto Bustince
Vicenc Torra
Brunella Gerla
Jie Lu
Jorge Casillas
Marie-Jeanne Lesot
Rudolf Kruse
Sławomir Zadrożny
Martin Štěpnička

The candidature was elected by all the members at the Assembly.

Gabriella Pasi stated grateful warm words to Edurne Barrenechea for her excellent work for the society.

12.- Other Matters

EUSFLAT conference 2015

Gabriella Pasi announced, that the society obtained one informative interest to organize EUSFLAT 2017 in Kazan, Russia, and one formal candidature to organize the event in Warsaw, Poland. This official candidature was submitted by the Polish

Academy of Sciences represented by Janusz Kacprzyk, Slawek Zadrozny and Eulalia Szmidt. Gabriella Pasi announces, that the candidature submitted by the representatives of the Polish academy of sciences was supported by the whole Board and thus, was chosen, next **EUSFLAT conference in 2017 will be organized in Warsaw!**

Janusz Kacprzyk presented the main features of the intended conference organization background related to the location, process, organization quality and the term of the conference. Possible sources of financial support to the organization were also listed.

With no other issue, the Assembly finished at 20:00.

Signed, **Gabriella Pasi** (EUSFLAT President)
Date: July 2, 2015

Signed, **Martin Štěpnička** (EUSFLAT Secretary in the period 2013-2015)
Date: July 2, 2015

Signed, **José María Alonso** (EUSFLAT Secretary elected for the period 2015-2017)
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